

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE  
JUNE 8, 1978 MEETING  
7:00 P.M.  
DR. JACKSON'S

REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON THE WAGNER HOMESTEAD

DISCUSSION ON THE ELECTRICAL AND AIR CONDITIONING NEEDS OF  
DR. JACKSON'S

DISCUSSION ON SELECTION OF GUIDE BOOK REVIEW BOARD

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP IN DHT

1979 CALENDAR

DADE COUNTY MASTER PLAN - HOW DOES IT INCLUDE PRESERVATION PROJECTS

FREEDOM TOWER TASK FORCE

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR DR. JACKSON'S APPROVED BY CITY.



JUNE 8, 1978 BOARD MEETING OF THE DADE HERITAGE TRUST, INC.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Darlene Russell at Dr. Jackson's. Present were Lodovico Blanc, Sallye Jude, Lizz Plater-Zyberk, Charles Chase, Ivan Rodriguez, Dolly MacIntyre, John Baldwin, Jackee Major, Linda Tripp, Wayne Williams, Ernest Seemann, Arlene Olson, Darlene Russell, and later Sam Boldrick.

Minutes were corrected as to the spelling of Wendell Garrett. Sallye moved to accept as corrected, Ernest seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Lodovico also noted that we could, for an extra \$25 in membership fees to the National Trust, receive various information sheets, landmark newsletters, historic litigation charts and news service bulletins. As Dolly is already getting these, and will make them available to us, there is no need for DHT to get them as well.

WAGNER HOMESTEAD

Dolly reported the recommendations of the planning committee. It appears that the City has \$78,000 in CD funds earmarked for improvements to Lummus Park. Dolly is working with the city on using this money for moving Wagner to Lummus Park, getting it set on proper foundations, and making immediate repairs. As the Fort Dallas buildings are already located there, Wagner would be an historically significant compliment to the area, both being of the 1850's period. Charles read his letter to Herschal Shepard requesting his professional services in determining the future of both Wagner and Dr. Jackson's. If he could do the initial feasibility study and determine the additions to the original structure, our architects could then supervise demolition of said additions, get the original structure moved, and set it up on the Park's premises. Drawings and contract agreements would also be done by our architects. Dolly moved that DHT accept the proposal of the Wagner planning committee to move the building to Lummus Park to be used as a period house museum, and to solicit CD funds for this purpose. Lodovico seconded, and the motion carried.

DR. JACKSON'S

Dolly reported that the electrician is still waiting for a permit to proceed with the wiring for the a/c. As Ivan believes the two units already purchased will not be sufficient to cool the entire office, the electrician is also looking for a used unit for the front room. Dolly also read a Memorandum of Agreement between DHT and the City for the use of \$47,000 in CD funds to be used for the restoration activities at Dr. Jackson's. This includes not more than \$4,500 to be spent in restoration architects fees. OCD is turning funds over directly to DHT to spend providing proper accounting procedures are followed. A completion date of January 1, 1979 is given, but extension is possible. Where possible, DHT will act as contractor. Sallye moved to accept this agreement as read. Wayne seconded, and the motion carried.

FREEDOM TOWER TASK FORCE

Darlene read a proposal (drawn up by Dolly) that the Task Force be affiliated with DHT citing specific recommendations on its officers, communication with the DHT board, accounting of funds dispersed and collected, and courses of action the Task Force might pursue. (copy of proposal attached) The role of Citibank as owner of record was discussed. It was agreed that neither DHT nor the Task Force take an adversary position with Citibank in



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its litigation with Sam Polur and York Noble, and that a Citibank representative be invited to attend the next Task Force meeting. Darlene will invite this person and advise Romaine Alexander of same. Lizz and Ivan will act as liaison to the Task Force, with other interested DHT board members attending meetings informally. Arlene moved that the Freedom Tower Task Force be affiliated with Dade Heritage Trust as proposed in the memorandum. Ernest seconded, and the motion passed.

### GUIDE BOOK BOARD

Darlene proposed Arlene, Sam, Thelma Peters, and Ernest be appointed as Guide Book Board with major responsibilities being to set up guidelines and standards for future books, get letters of commitment from authors, and setting up a timetable for production of books. Lizz moved to accept the board as proposed, Lodovico seconded, and the motion passed.

### 1979 DHT CALENDAR

DARLENE Arlene will give Peter a complete production schedule so that we may meet existing deadlines for early completion. Advance orders for the calendar will be handled by Lizz and Lynn Fitzgerald. Ernest suggested advertising the guidebooks in the calendar. Board members should be soliciting large corporate orders for employee Christmas gifts, etc. Dolly moved that we set a price of \$3.95 for the 1979 Calendar, if the price of production allows. Lodovico seconded, and the motion passed.

### DANIELSON PROPERTY

Dolly gave background information on this 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres accross from the Coconut Grove Playhouse (next to Ransom School). The Howard Hughes Foundation wishes to purchase this property, basically preserving it as it is now, but needs a conditional use permit for its needs. Dolly remarked that the alternative is to allow the property to be developed into 38 individual homesites. She moved that DHT write a letter of support of the Hughes conditional use permit, stipulating now future development be allowed. Arlene and Darlene opposed; Linda, Ernest, Ivan, and Lizz abstained. As the motion did not carry, it was suggested that personally letters from the supporting board members be sent to the City Commission.

### LETTERS OF OPPOSITION

Dolly moved a letter of opposition be written to the City regarding requests for replatting by certain developers of property along So. Bayshore Drive. Arlene seconded and the motion carried. Dolly also moved that Sallye attend the Monday night meeting of the City Commission to read into record our letter of opposition to a draft of an ordinance approving the widening of So. Bayshore Drive. Arlene seconded and the motion passed.

HISTORIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION COALITION held its first meeting May 17, at the Historical Museum. The 20 + representatives in attendance set as its first project the making of a coordinated calendar of events.

### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- Possible long weekend in Nassau in November to visit Historic houses
- Coral Gables House opening in October
- Possible membership party this summer at Gloria Calhoun's house
- John to look into matching funds for Dr. Jackson's
- Arlene moved to have Thelma Peters rewrite the Lemon City Guidebook and get it publication ready. Ivan seconded, and the motion passed.



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CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP IN DHT

Jackee is to coordinate a cocktail party specifically intended to solicit Corporate support for DHT. She suggested some tangible recognition (plaque, letter of appreciation) for a \$1,000 corporate membership. Members of the Brickell Area Association will be invited. Ernest suggested setting up a speaker for the Miami Rotary Club, with the idea of getting funds from the Rotary Foundation. As Dr. Jackson was the founder of Rotary in Miami, Ernest believes the Foundation would be generous in donation for the restoration of Dr. Jackson's office.

Dade County Master Plan will be gone over by John to see what provisions are in it for historic preservation.

Sallye reported on the possibility of getting some authentic furnishings from the Smithsonian for Dr. Jackson's.

Dolly distributed copies of a draft of the City's revised code regarding historic and cultural conservation districts for board perusal.

Sam will soon conduct the tour auctioned at the Channel 2 Auction with lunch to follow at Sallye's house.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda R. Tripp*

Linda Tripp, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

Re: Request of Freedom Tower Task Force to be affiliated with DHT

Date: June 8, 1978

From: Dolly MacIntyre, Historic Sites Chairman

Background: Because of the current plight of this important landmark, a "grass roots" committee got together to discuss what could be done to save the building. This meeting was held on June 1st at our headquarters and had been conceived and set up by Mrs. Romaine Alexander. It was agreed by all present that the building is extremely important and that National Register listing should be obtained as soon as possible. Several people had independently started on this. However, the forms are at the Division of Archives and are lacking only minor additions to be complete. A report was given on the legal status--the building is presently involved in litigation between Citibank and Sam Polus and York Noble. It was decided to form a permanent committee and Mrs. Alexander was elected chairman. It was also decided to ask to be affiliated with DHT and to meet again on June 12th when Liz Monroe from Div. of Archives would be here. Those in attendance also agreed to try to bring to the next meeting another person of some influence in the community. This meeting will be at 7:30 PM at the Historical Museum.

Request for DHT affiliation: I have talked with our legal counsel, Gene Essner regarding this. He sees no problem with it as long as we maintain control of any funds generated for this purpose under our name and tax status and that they be handled following normal Trust procedure. We are perfectly free to accept volunteer labor such as this. He also suggests that we set it up so that we provide administrative services and see that any action of this committee is appropriate to DHT goals and guidelines.

Recommendation of Affiliation: This group to be designated the Freedom Tower Task Force of Dade Heritage Trust. Its officials will be the Chairman elected by the committee, a Secretary appointed by the Chairman and an Asst. Treasurer appointed by the DHT Treasurer. The members of the Task Force do not need to be members but the officials should be. Non-members of DHT do not have the right to vote on decision making questions. However, Task Force members may vote on activities of the Task Force which will then be approved by the DHT Board. One of the three Task Force officials shall attend Board meetings, reporting on the activities of the Task Force and requesting approval of Task Force recommendations. There shall also be appointed by the President of DHT a Board member who has served at least a year who will act as liaison, attend Task Force meetings and provide guidance as far as appropriateness of action.

Any funds collected for the Freedom Tower specifically shall be administered by the DHT Treasurer in the following manner: Such funds shall be kept in a separate account requiring the signature of the Treasurer and the Asst. Treasurer or the DHT President. Careful records shall be kept of contributors and their addresses in the event the project fails and funds need to be returned or permission requested for alternate use. Careful records shall also be kept of any expenditures for the Freedom Tower project. This function shall be handled by the Asst. Treasurer under supervision of the DHT treasurer.



Request for Board Approval for the Task Force to take the following action:

1. Draft a City Ordinance requiring City Commission approval of any City funded or City permitted activity which would result in the alteration or demolition of the Freedom Tower.

2. Send a letter to Citibank requesting that they request a letter of eligibility for National Register listing from the Division of Archives. Also ask them what their plans are for the building.

3. Pursue the National Register nomination.

4. Launch fund raising campaign for a Museum of Freedom.

5. Request written report from structural engineer and/or obtain copy of the 40 year inspection report.

6. Appoint a lawyer from the Task Force to act as liaison for the legal situation to keep the Task Force informed ~~and to try to speed a solution to the litigation.~~

7. Coordinate a feasibility study and/or coordinate all the proposed plans that have been mentioned so far.

None of these activities are expected to cost anything except labor.

Dade Heritage Trust, Inc.  
Treasurer's Report  
6/8/78

ASSETS

Regular Checking Account	\$	316.72
Savings Account		3,507.92
'Challenge' Savings Account		2,097.78
	\$	<u>5,922.42</u>

LIABILITIES

Historical Ass'n	\$	25. -
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NET ASSETS

\$ 5,897.42

Notes

	Month	
<u>Sales</u>	1-5	\$ 956.43

L. Blanc  
Treas.